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RUSSIA: HER WAR STRENGTH

Absolutely authentic information regarding the army strength and oranization of the great European powers now at war is difficult to segregate, and can hardly be collected without reference to military records and statistics. The following regarding the military strength of Russia, to be followed by war statistics of the other belligerent powers, has been compiled by a high ranking officer of the Hawailan department for the files of department headquarters, and also for general information, the figures being in no way confidential. This is the fifth nation to be covered, having been preceded by Belgium, France, Germany and Austria. Through the courtesy of this officer the material is available for readers of the Star-Bulletin:

nese war and the subsequent revolution. Her recovery, however, revealed the immense reserves of her strength. On the 30th of July, 1907, she signed a convention with Japan of mutual respect for treaty and territorial rights, and guaranteeing the integrity of China. On the 31st of August of the same year the long period of mutual suspicion between Great Britain and Russia was closed by a convention for an amicable settlement of all questions likely to disturb the relations of the two powers in Asia generally, includance of Europe. That in the work of restoring its military position the Russian government had the support of the Russian parliament was proved by and reorganized into a strong army a subsidy of 11,000,000 pounds sterling which would mobilize as five Transvoted by the Duma, on the 30th of De- Baikal corps and two to four Cossack cember, 1909, for the special service of the reorganization and redistribution of the army.

Army: The system of obligatory military service for all, introduced in 1874, has been maintained, while the privileges granted to young men wno have received various degrees of education have been slightly extended.

three years in the case of the infan-There also exists a modified system of volunteers for one year who supply the bulk of officers required for the

reserves upon mobilization.

RUSSIA. | regiments a brigade and 2 brigade a war strength by calling in the men the Archduke Rudolph, who committed who have most recently completed the suicide, married a cousin of Albert I an international force Russia had posed of eight gims, the horse batterbeen, of course, all but completely les of six. The ordinary army corps is plies are then got together, and the crippled by the outcome of the Japa- made up of 2 divisions, a howitzer diand has a fighting strength of approximately 32,000 men. The rifle brigades form separte organizations of eight organized with complete administra-battalions with three batteries at tive service for war so that they may tached. The Cossacks, who hold their lands by military tenure, are liable to equipment and horses. At 19 their European nations. Their units are: training begins; at 21 they enter the active regiment of their district, at 25 the "Second category" regiment, and at 29 the "third category" regiment followed by 5 years in the reserve. two powers in Asia generally, includ-ing the demarcation of Persia into spheres of influence. This new entente with Great Britain, cemented by a wisit paid by King Edward VII to the visit paid by King Edward VII to the 27 line army corps, and 20 cavalry di-Czar at Reval on the 8th of June, visions; in the Caucasus of 3 army 1908, helped to knit close once more corps and 4 cavalry divisions. The the loosened alliance with France, Asiatic army is composed of Russians and so to preserve the threatened bal- with a few Turkoman regular horse

cavalry divisions, numbering together with auxiliary troops, over 200,000 During the reign of Alexander III efforts were mainly directed towards (1) reducing the time required for the mobilization of the army; (2) increasing the immediate readiness of the

cavalry for war and its fitness for Service in the active army is for serving as mounted infantry (dragoon regiments taking the place of hussars try and artillery, for four years in the and lancers); (3) strengthening the other arms. The soldier then passes west frontier by fortresses and railinto the reserves (Zapas) for 14 or | ways, and (4) increasing the artillery, 15 years, during which he receives two siege and train reserves. Further, rainings of six weeks each. After the age releasing from service was eighteen years in the active army and raised from 40 to 43 years and the reserve, he is transferred to the ter- militia (landstrum) was recognized. ritorial army (Opolchenie) for five The measures taken during the reign years. This embraces also the surplus of Nicholas II have been chiefly directof the annual contingent, thus forming ed towards increasing the fighting caa supplementary reserve, and in the pacity and readiness for immediate service of the troops in Asia, and to-ward the better reorganization of the local irregular militia forces. Broad-ly speaking, the army is divided into second "ban" all those exempted from service of the troops in Asia, and toservice, those not up to standard and ward the better reorganization of the the older classes of surplus men. local irregular militia forces. Broadregulars, cossacks and militia. The peace strength of the army is estimated at 42,000 officers, 1,284,000 men; Owing to the enormous extent of while the war strength is approximatethe Russian Empire, its army is di- ly 75,000 officers and 5,400,000 men. cal troops receives a large reinforcevided into three forces, the army of However, the latter figure is merely ment. The period of active service is royal families. The cause of this goes European Russia, the army of the nominal, the available artillery and Caucasus and the Asiatic army. The train service being much below the sian pattalion contains 1000 men; strength which would be required for for the cavalry, horse artillery and 4 battalions constitute a regiment, 2 such an army; estimates which put

the military forces of Russia in time! of war st 2,750,000, irrespective of the army which may be levied during the war itself, seem to approach more nearly the strength of the forces which could actually be mustered. The infantry and rifles are armed with small bore magazine rifles, and the active artillery have steel breech loaders with extreme ranges of 4150 and 4700

The Russian military organization differs from that of France, Germany and Austria. The latter states are divided into districts, each of which supports a corps of active army and one or more corps of the reserve army. crowns, the rumpus over on the other Each corps is separately administered in maintenance, training and mobilization and forms a complete unit. Russia uses a larger unit of administration, the conscription district, which furnishes an army of two or three corps. If you take a map and mark circles around the conscription district centers at St. Petersburg, Vilna, Warsaw, Kieve, Odessa, Moscow, Kazan, Saratof and Tifilis, in Caucasia, you will have a clear picture of the distribution of the Russian army in

The system of recruitment is terri-In European Russia the majority of land. the army is stationed west of the longitude of Moscow, so that mobilization is slower under ordinary circumstances than in France or Ger-Germany does not make a satisfactory many because the recruits and reservists have long distances to travel, particularly as many are consigned to Greece may join in the war against his corps outside Great Russia. The Czar brother by marriage. Everybody is docannot mobilize 300,000 of his troops within any theater of operations under three weeks, although four times that number could be assembled one week later. The comparative dearth of railways is a great handicap in the matter George, having married Princess Maud, of supplies.

On the call for mobilization, the Francis Joseph is not closely relatcompanies are first filled up to their ed to his brother monarchs, but his son, war strength by calling in the men the Archduke Rudolph, who committed vision and one battalion of sappers, made ready to move to the front. In because of the numbers that either of general, each army is intended to keep together in service, but the corps are together in service, but the corps are They are on the thrones of England, organized with complete administrative service for war so that they may isa, Roumania and Sweden. be detached if necessary.

The troops of Russia proper have service for life, and provide their own the same organization as those of oth-

Regiment-4 battalions.

teries, ammunition columns, 1 engin-eer battallon, 2 or 3 squadrons (sotni-as) of Cossack cavalry.

stroll out in the park, become smitten of some handsome and husky young woman and marry her with the aid of

artillery. Total about 4000 men.

Artillery: Field batteries-8 guns each. Horse batteries—6 guns each.

The response which Russia has made to the formidable military increase which Germany voted in 1913, gives an insight into the military re- is usually arranged by mama and sources of which she can avail her- papa-with the able assistance of some self in the early stages of the war. gray-whiskered minister of state who Russia has elaborated a program of thinks a great deal more of strengthenself in the early stages of the war. reorganization which recently was ing the power of his country than he adopted by the Duma. In substance does of the color of eyes and hair the the new military law increases the annual number to be drawn as recruits from 450,000 to 580,000 men, and this permits the creation of three army corps which will go to reinforce the military subdivisions of Vilna and Varsovie to correct the error of 1910, by which the 5th and 16th corps were withdrawn from the western frontier of Russia. The companies of infantry by the new law are raised to 200 men, and 19 regiments of dragoons hitherto without divisional connections has a proportional increase, and the tinent. entire working material of the techniraised from three years to three and back to a curious example of antique a half, but remains fixed at four years eugenics.

Navy: Before the war with Japan, squadrons: The Baltic, Black Sea, the Pacific and Caspian. But in the operations before Port Arthur and in the disastrous battle of Tsushima, the Russian fleets were almost completely annihilated. The bulk of the Black Sea fleet and a few other battleships were, however, still left, and since 1904 steps have been taken to build marriage made the same rule—only new ships, both battleships and pow. one of them would take a wife. This val headquarters in the Baltic, Sevas selection of wives soon producert

Novogeorgievsk in Poland, and Brest- Greece and many other countries of Litovsk and Kovno in Tithuania. The less importance. second class fortresses are Kronstadt

When you consider it from the point of the men who are wearing the side of the water is nothing more than a family row. Practically every king in Europe is either a blood or marriage relative of every other king. In a great number of cases the relationship

is very close. King George of England and the German kaiser are first cousins. The czar of Russia and King George are first cousins. The ezar and Wilhelm are distant cousins by marriage-but going further back, they both descend from the same parent line.

Nicholas is a son of a sister of the torial, that is, each army corps draws Dowager Queen Alexandra of England. its recruits from a fixed district and The kaiser is a grandson of Queen Vicis usually quartered in garrisons there. toria as is the present king of Eng-

> King Constantine of Greece is brother-in-law of the kaiser, having married one of the latter's sisters. If

Haakon is a brother-in-law of King

The many descendants of Queen Victoria are called the "Queen's Breed." cupy thrones or are wives of rulers,

Many authorities have pointed out the danger of weakening the strain hy forcing royalty to marry only its equals. Many years of this have re-duced kings to the necessity of marry-Division-2 brigades of 2 regiments ing only relatives. A crown prince, each, 1 artillery brigade of 6 or 8 bat- when he hears the call of spring, can't as) of Cossack cavalry. woman and marry her with the aid of Army corps—2 divisions, 1 howitzer division, 1 sapper battalion, 1 cavalry division. Total, 40,000. possibly for the people they govern. Cavalry:

Regiment—4 sotnia, 800 men.

Cavalry Division—2 brigades of 2 regiments each (4 regiments made up as follows: 1 Uhlan, 1 hussar, 1 dradaughter of a house of rank equal to

goon, 1 Cossack), 2 batteries of horse his own, the son may be allowed walk up the long aisle with her. If not the royal papa slams the almanack to and says: "Nothing doing!" Only, most of the time, the young man is an innocent bystander in the matter of selecting his own wife. It

young prince prefers.

All the crown prince has to do marry whoever is selected. The young prince and princess have to appear to live happily ever after for the sake of what people might say if they didn't.

There are many who deny that this close in-breeding of kings is necessarily a bad thing. They point out that the plan is followed with success in the breeding of thoroughbred horses. The main danger, they declare, is in pieces for an army corps are raised plain crazy. Alfonso, however, is one from 108 to 144. The heavy artillery of the most brilliant rulers on the con-

> The reigning English king is of German blood-as are most of the other

In the 16th century, seven brothers engineers. The increase of six months inherited an estate on the Black Forin the period of service permits, dur- est which included the free Hanseatic ing the winter season when the mo- city of Luneburg. If the estate were bilization of reservists would suffer a kept intact it was important enough to delay due to the rigors of the climate, be a power among the German kingthe government to have under arms doms-but if it was cut up by being more than 1,600,000 men in Russia in handed down to many children it would inevitably have been overwhelmed by more powerful neighbors. The brothers Russia maintained four separate held a council and decided that it would be disastrous for all of them to

erful cruisers. Kronstadt is the na-system of in-breeding with a careful val headquarters in the Baltic, Sevas-topol in the Black Sea and Vladivostok of the most prominent figures of En-on the Pacific. Fortresses: The chief first class sit on the thrones of England, Gerfortresses of Russia are Warsaw and many, Russia, Denmark, Norway.

and Sveaborg in the Gulf of Finland, in Caucasia. There are, moreover, 46 Ivangorod in Poland, Libau on the Black Sea which six are in Poland, 8 in West and Vladivostok on the Pacific. In the third class are Viborg, in Finland, Ossovets and Ust and Kars and Batun atic dominions.

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